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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CHANGES IN BRITISH PAPER

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1. TONY DUFF HAS GIVEN US THE NEW BRITISH PAPER AS
FINALLY APPROVED BY MINISTERS AND POINTED OUT CHANGES
FROM THE FIRST DRAFT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL.
2. THE TITLE, TO WHICH THE FOREIGN OFFICE ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ, "SUGGESTIONS
FOR POSSIBLE STRUCTURE OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT: NOTE
BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE."
3. CHANGE PARA TWO, SENTENCE FOUR TO READ: "BUT ALSO
FOR A PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN
MINORITY SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT."
4. CHANGE PARA THREE, SENTENCE TWO TO READ: "THEY
PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT WHERE SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND

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USING PURELY RHODESIAN ELEMENTS, THAT SHOULD BE DONE."

5. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA ONE, SENTENCE ONE TO READ:
"THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HEADED BY AN
INTERIM COMMISSIONER WHO WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE BRITIS
GOVERNMENT, AFTER DUE CONSULTATIONS."

6. CHANGE LAST WORD IN PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA THREE,
SENTENCE ONE TO "MINORITY" VICE "COMMUNITY."

7. CHANGE BEGINNING OF SENTENCE TWO IN PARA FIVE, SUB-
PARA NINE TO READ: "HIS POWERS IN THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS IN RELATION TO THESE SUBJECTS WOULD ENABLE
HIM TO ENSURE, ON THE ONE HAND,...."

8. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA ELEVEN, LAST SENTENCE TO
READ: "THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD HAVE COLLECTIVE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING RHODESIA."

9. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA TWELVE, LAST SENTENCE TO
READ: "THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER WOULD PRESIDE OVER
MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND WOULD BE IN
A POSITION TO EXERCISE A CASTING VOTE."

10. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA THIRTEEN, SENTENCE THREE
TO READ: "THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH THE
CONCURRENCE OF THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER, WOULD HAVE THE
POWER TO APPOINT AND REMOVE THE HOLDERS OF CERTAIN SENIOR
OFFICES IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE."
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